



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5250

LCO No. 1153

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 54-124a of the 2010 supplement
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in
3 lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) There shall be a Board of Pardons and Paroles within the
5 Department of Correction, for administrative purposes only. [On and
6 after February 1, 2008, and prior to July 1, 2008, the board shall consist
7 of not more than twenty-five members appointed by the Governor.]
8 On and after July 1, 2008, and prior to July 1, 2010, the board shall
9 consist of eighteen members, and on and after July 1, 2010, the board
10 shall consist of twenty members. [On and after February 1, 2008, the]
11 The Governor shall appoint all members of the board with the advice
12 and consent of both houses of the General Assembly. On and after July
13 1, 2008, twelve of the members shall serve exclusively on parole release
14 panels, five of the members shall serve exclusively on pardons panels
15 and the chairperson may serve on both parole release panels and
16 pardons panels, except that on and after July 1, 2010, seven of the

17 members shall serve exclusively on pardons panels. In the
 18 appointment of the members, [on and after February 1, 2008,] the
 19 Governor shall specify the member being appointed as chairperson,
 20 the full-time and part-time members being appointed to serve on
 21 parole release panels and the members being appointed to serve on
 22 pardons panels. In the appointment of the members, the Governor
 23 shall comply with the provisions of section 4-9b. The Governor shall
 24 appoint a chairperson from among the membership. The members of
 25 the board appointed on or after February 1, 2008, shall be qualified by
 26 education, experience or training in the administration of community
 27 corrections, parole or pardons, criminal justice, criminology, the
 28 evaluation or supervision of offenders or the provision of mental
 29 health services to offenders. Each appointment of a member of the
 30 board submitted by the Governor to the General Assembly [on or after
 31 February 1, 2008,] shall be referred, without debate, to the committee
 32 on the judiciary which shall report thereon not later than thirty
 33 legislative days after the date of reference.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	54-124a(a)
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Statement of Purpose:

To allow more pardons hearings to be conducted by the Board of Pardons and Paroles by increasing the number of part-time members who serve exclusively on pardons panels.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]